

ENTRANCE FROM THE PEERS' LOBBY TO THE HOUSE OF LORDS.



THE ARMY AND NAVY CLUB COMPETITION.

THE committee, after much deliberation, selected two designs from the sixty-nine submitted to them, as best entitled in their opinion to the first and second premiums; but the decision is to rest with the whole club. The designs are suspended, as we hear, in the order in which they were received by Mr. Walcot, the secretary, and a box is kept open two hours each day under the eye of the committee, to receive the votes. Each member receives a card, on which he writes the motto of the design for which he votes, and the two designs which have most votes will be entitled to receive the premiums.

We must confess we have much fear as to the result. Many of the members will doubtless be guided by the opinion of the committee, considering probably that they have given much thought to the subject and taken proper advice. But if any undue influence has been

exerted by candidates on the general body of members,—and that the endeavour, still events, has been made, we have complete evidence,—the result may be most unsatisfactory and disastrous, even though the committee's selection was correct. In any case, the members at large must be perfectly incompetent to make a proper selection, and if this result be arrived at, which we sincerely hope will be the case, it must be the result of accident, or a determination on the part of the members to support the views of the committee.

The cards of more than one candidate who has degraded himself and his profession by canvassing the committee, and making known his motto, are in our hands. Should the design of either of them be selected, we shall publish them, and probably obtain such an investigation as will make them hesitate, on another occasion, before they so far commit themselves. The result will be arrived at on Tuesday next.

PATENT GALVANIZED IRON COMPANY.

At the half-yearly meeting, it appeared that the balance of profit was 6,913*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.*, out of which the directors recommended a dividend of 2 per cent. for the half-year, clear of income tax;—that the produce of pig iron at the works in Wales had doubled, and the average produce of coal was about 300 tons per week. They had, from thirty to forty steam-engines at work, and from 2,000 to 3,000 men employed in Wales and Staffordshire. Up to the 5th of March they had been producing about 600 tons of pig-iron per week, and when their additional furnaces were complete it would average 1,000 tons per week.

COMPETITION.—A bonus of 60*l.* is offered for the best plan, with estimate specification, and workings-drawings, of a general hospital at Cheltenham, as advertised on another page.